

# Chapman Road Remand Home

1976? – 1979

## Details

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The Chapman Road Remand Home at Rapid Creek operated as a temporary facility for children on remand from 1976-77. A cottage, formerly part of Somerville Cottage Homes, was leased to the government for the purpose. The Remand Home, which took in mostly girls, closed in 1979. It was replaced by the Malak House Remand and Assessment Centre.

The Chapman Road Remand Home was a temporary government facility used for the accommodation of children on remand after the closure of Essington House.

In July and August 1976 the Northern Territory government's Welfare Section approached the Methodist Overseas Mission with the proposal to lease one of their unoccupied cottage homes for use as accommodation for 'juvenile offenders', particularly girls. Delays in reconstruction and building programs after Cyclone Tracy meant that the government had limited facilities for children in need of care. A home in Chapman Street, Rapid Creek, previously used by the Somerville Cottage Homes, was leased to the government for this purpose.

Miscellaneous departmental documents show that this Remand Home operated from 1976-77 until February 1979 when its operations were transferred to the newly opened Malak House Remand and Assessment Centre. In November 1979 the Chapman Road Home reverted to the control of Somerville Homes and reopened as the Chapman Road Adolescent Centre.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Essington House (1963 - 1974)
  - **Chapman Road Remand Home (1976? – 1979)**
    - Malak House Juvenile Detention Centre (1987 - 1991)
    - Don Dale Juvenile Detention Centre (1991 - current)

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Community Welfare Section, Department of the Northern Territory, Australian Government \(1974 - 1977\)](#)  
Date: 1976 - 1977
- [Department of Community and Social Development, Northern Territory Government \(1977 - 1978\)](#)  
Date: 1977 - 1978
- [Department of Community Development, Northern Territory Government \(1978 - 1987\)](#)  
Date: 1978 - 1979

#### Related Organisations

- [Somerville Cottage Homes \(1968 - 1980s\)](#)

Chapman Road Remand Home took over one of the properties at Chapman Road, Rapid Creek, that formed Somerville Cottage Homes.

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- [Chapman Road Cottage \(1969 - 1976\)](#)

The Chapman Road Remand Home was established by the Government in the former premises of the Chapman Road Cottage

## Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

### Records

- [Correspondence files relating to social development with "SD" prefix, Northern Territory Social Development Branch and successors \(1974 - 1980\)](#)
  - [Records relating to child care, Somerville Homes, Darwin \(1964 - 1979\)](#)
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